Task Force on Open Space Acquisition

Date: December 14, 2004

Time: 7:30

Place: Senior Center, Falls Church Community Center

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Barry Buschow, Rob Meeks, Rob Puentes, Lindy Hockenberry, Christina Goodwin, and staff members Howard Herman, Gary Fuller, and Wyatt Shields. From the public were Tom Edmonds, Joyce Berg, and Christian Semonsen.

Public Comment

Joyce Berg noted the list of parks/open space arranged by ward, which she had provided to the Task Force. Christian Semonsen spoke to the back lots adjacent to the W&OD Trail east of Little Falls Street, and urged the T.F. to consider them for inclusion in its recommendations.

CIP Process and Schedule. It was agreed that the TF would work with the goal of having its recommendations reflected in the FY06 CIP. Wyatt Shields noted that the TF could present its recommendations to the Planning Commission during its last Work Session on the CIP, February 7. This was agreed to, with the understanding that January would then be a critical work month for the TF.

Schedule & Work Plan

With agreement to attempt to present a preliminary report with a description of needs, a parcel list, and a financing recommendation, Mr. Buschow proposed an outline for the report with the following assignments:

Introduction, Background and required interim report (due Jan 10) - Barry Goals and Objectives of the Task force - Kathleen Nixon (not at the meeting).

Criteria - Rob Puentes

Matrix and Maps - Staff

Funding Methodology - Robert Meeks

Committee Member Profiles - Christina Goodwin (also to help Kathleen if needed)
TF members to send Christina a short Bio....

Future Meeting dates were discussed, and the following dates were agreed to: January 6, January 19th, February 7 (tentative with PC) and February 9.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.